



PBAPP: How Long Will The Muda Dam And Beris Dam Last?

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GEORGE TOWN, Apr 18 – Penang Water Supply Corporation chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said Penang corp calls for urgent water meeting as Perlis, Kedah, Penang and Northern Perak are facing a clear and impending threat of widespread water shortages.

He urged the Malaysia Federal Government to act now to avoid and prevent a foreseeable crisis. He said the Super El Nino season meant that the northern states with a population of roughly four million people are facing impending threat of water shortages.

“We must avoid what has happened in some parts of Perlis and Johor where rationing has been announced. Penang’s 80 per cent water supply is extracted from the Muda River. The Muda Dam and the Beris Dam are releasing water directly into the Sungai Muda system so that 14 Kedah water treatment plants and PBAPP may draw sufficient water to meet dry weather demands daily,” he said.

“Currently the effective capacities of the Muda Dam and Beris Dam were 43.9% and 37.5% respectively on 15th April 2016. What are Kedah’s contingency plans if or when the levels of Muda Dam and the Beris Dam fall below the “minimum levels”?” he asked.

He said he hope that Federal Government will act now to avert and avoid a possible demaging and inconvenience scenario in the region with minimize drawdown of reserves from all dams. In the meanwhile, he also urged consumers start to use less water and utilise the resource wisely to curb wastage.